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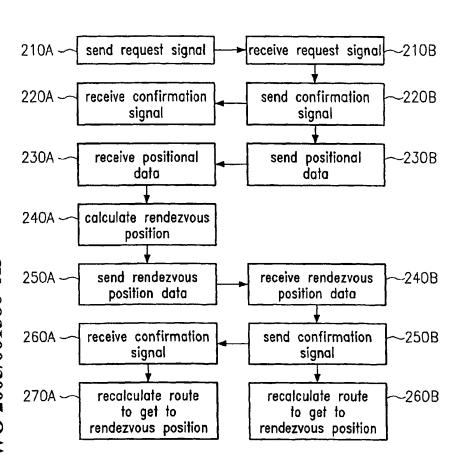
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(57) Abstract: The data exchange between two or more navigation devices allows a highly automated coordination of routes of navigation devices. The calculation of a route may be based on the GPS data and additionally on the positional data received from another navigation system to provide, for example, for a rendezvous function with a minimum activity from the users of the navigation devices.

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1. claims: 1-8, 13-21

Method, device and system for route specification using data from a first and a second navigation device.

2. claims: 9-12

Method for route coordinating using a host device that calculates intermediate positions for each route of a plurality of navigation devices.

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